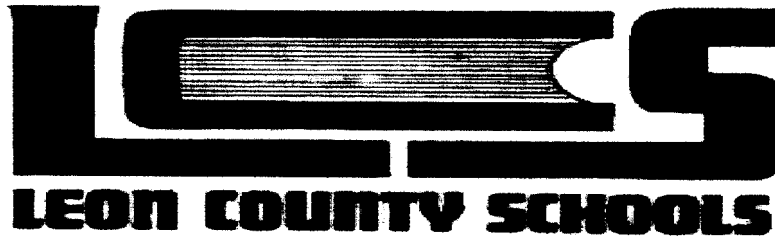


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RE: Letter of Appeal

October 17, 2000

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Schools & Libraries Corporation
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Schools & Libraries Corporation
Box 125-Correspondence Unit
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Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21
Applicant Name: Leon County School District (Form 471 Application #: 204814; BEN: 127599)

Dear Schools & Libraries Corporation:

This letter is to appeal a funding commitment decision for Leon County School District (471 Application #: 204814; Billed Entity Number 127599) relating to your letter dated September 22, 2000.

You stated that your decision was based on your not receiving the Fund Year 3, FCC Form 471, Certification Form, before the deadline of July 15th, 2000.

A copy of the original Block 6 signed by William D. Piotrowski on January 14, 2000 and the original Block 6 signed by William D. Piotrowski on July 10, 2000 which replaced the January 14th original that you reported missing in your file was picked up by UPS on Wednesday, July 12, 2000 and the UPS tracking summary shows delivery on Monday morning following Saturday, July 15th (it could not be delivered on Saturday). The packages were received by Ruben in Whippany, NJ, US, and by Hodges in Lawrence, Ks, US. A copy of the UPS documentation is attached.

On June 9, 2000 we received a Funding Commitment Report from USAC with funding approved for data communications and telephones. We filed the appropriate 486's with your office and the 472's with Sprint and Comcast.

Melinda Crowley, Manager of Planning and Budget with the Division of Technology, Department of Education for the State of Florida, has been in contact with Linda Schatz, an SLD official and has been informed verbally that this issue has been resolved. If this is also your understanding, please consider this as confirmation of that verbal resolution.

We well appreciate the educational and program enhancements that the funding discounts enable for our students and schools. Thank you for your review and consideration of these corrections to our 2000-2001 E-Rate discount allowances.

Respectfully,

William D. Piotrowski
Executive Director
Leon County School District

cc: Lee Legutko, Merrill Wimberley, Melinda Crowley, Byron Williams
Attachments: UPS Tracking Summaries (Whippany, NJ and Lawrence, Ks)
Form 471 - Block 6 signed and dated July 10, 2000
Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated June 9, 2000

Awe: Gen/Erate/appeal


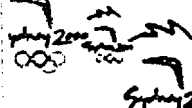
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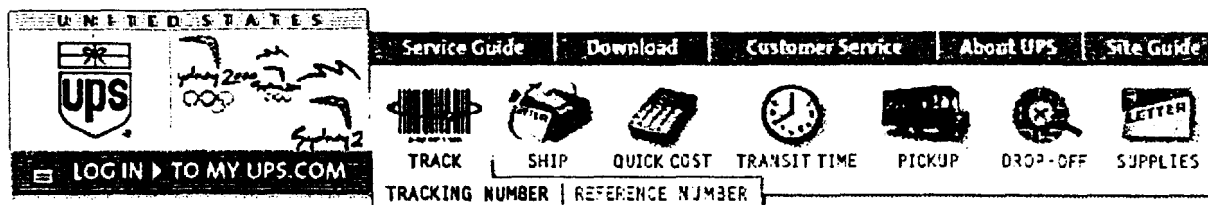
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Entity Number <u>127599</u>	Applicant's Form Identifier <u>A</u>
Contact Person <u>William D. Piotrowski</u>	Phone Number <u>(850) 487-7530</u>

Block 6: Certifications and Signature

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- 24 The applicant is eligible for support because it includes: (Check on:
- a ☒ schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. profit businesses and do not have endowments exceeding FY 03
 - b ☐ libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a state library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any schools, including, but not limited to, elementary and secondary schools, colleges, or universities.
- 25 The schools and libraries I represent have secured access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to make effective use of the services purchased as well as to pay the discounted charges for eligible services.
- 26 All of the individual schools, libraries, and library consortia listed in Block 4 are covered by:
- a ☐ an individual technology plan for using the services requested in this application; and/or
 - b ☒ higher-level technology plan(s) for using the services requested in this application; or
 - c ☐ no technology plan needed; applying for basic local and long distance telephone service only
- 27 Status of technology plans (if representing multiple entities with mixed technology plan status, check both a and b):
- a ☐ technology plan(s) has/have been approved.
 - b ☒ technology plan(s) will be approved by a state or other authorized body.
 - c ☐ no technology plan needed; applying for basic local and long distance telephone service only.
- 28 I certify that the entities eligible for support that I am representing have complied with all applicable state and local laws regarding procurement of services for which support is being sought.
- 29 I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.
- 30 I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has complied with all program rules and I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments.
- 31 I understand that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service, receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.
- 32 I recognize that I may be audited pursuant to this application and will retain for five years any and all worksheets and other records that I rely upon to fill out this application.
- 33 I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named entities, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

34 Signature <u>William D. Piotrowski</u>	35 Date <u>7/10/00</u>	NB: second copy; copy of original enclosed, dated 7/14/00
36 Printed name of authorized person <u>William D. Piotrowski</u>		
37 Title or position of authorized person <u>Executive Director, Technology & Information Services</u>		
38 Telephone number of authorized person: <u>(850) 487-7530</u> , ext. <u>----</u>		
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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER

(Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001)

June 9, 2000

LEON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WILLIAM D. PIOTROWSKI
520 S. APPLEYARD DR.
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32304-3843

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 204814
Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001
Billed Entity Number: 127599

Thank you for your 2000-2001 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. We have completed review of your Form 471. This letter is to advise you of our decision(s).

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. We have reviewed each Discount Funding Request on your Form 471 application and have assigned a Funding Request Number (FRN) to each Block 5. The enclosed report includes a list of the FRNs from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) upon the filing of your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that defines each line of the Report.

NEXT STEPS

Once you have reviewed this letter and have determined that some or all of your requests have been funded, your next step to facilitate receipt of discounts as featured in this letter will be to file an FCC Form 486 with the SLD. The Form 486 notifies the SLD to begin payment to your service provider and provides certified indication that your technology plan(s) has been approved. The Form 486 will be mailed to you under separate cover and is also available on the SLD web site at www.sl.universalservice.org. If you are filing a Form 486 for Funding Year 3 services (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001), there are certain circumstances under which you will be able to file your Form 486 before the receipt of services. These circumstances are detailed in the letter being sent to you under separate cover and on the web site. As you complete Form 486, you should also contact your service provider to verify they have received notice from the SLD of your funding commitment. After the SLD processes your Form 486, we can begin processing invoices from your service provider(s) so they can be reimbursed for discounted services they have provided you.

TO APPEAL THESE FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISIONS

If you wish to appeal the Funding Commitment Decision(s) (FCD) indicated in this letter, your appeal must be made in writing and RECEIVED BY THE SLD at the address below WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.

2. Identify which FCD Letter you are appealing. Your letter of appeal must include the applicant name, the Form 471 Application Number, and the Billed Entity Number from the top of your FCD Letter.
3. Identify the particular Funding Request Number (FRN) that is the subject of your appeal. When explaining your appeal, include the precise language or text from the Funding Commitment Decision Letter that is at the heart of your appeal. By pointing us to the exact words that give rise to your appeal, the SLD will be able to more readily understand and respond appropriately to your appeal. Please keep your letter brief and to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep copies of your correspondence and documentation.
4. Provide an original authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

Please send your appeal to: Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit, 80 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Appeals submitted by fax, phone call, and e-mail CANNOT be processed. While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC): FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445-12th Street SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Further information regarding filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "How to Apply, Step-by-Step" area of the SLD web site www.sl.universalservice.org.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the universal service mechanism for schools and libraries. FCC Form 471 Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that SLD or the Federal Communications Commission may undertake periodically to assure that funds have been committed and are being used in accordance with all such requirements. If the SLD subsequently determines that its commitment was erroneously issued due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by SLD, the Applicant, or Service Provider and that the action or inaction was not in accordance with such requirements, SLD may be required to cancel these funding commitments and seek repayment of any funds disbursed not in accordance with such requirements. The SLD, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to USAC and the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect erroneously disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

We look forward to continuing our work with you on connecting our schools and libraries through advanced telecommunications services.

Sincerely,

Kate L. Moore
President, Schools and Libraries Division, USAC

Enclosures

A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Attached to this letter will be a report for each E-rate funding request from your application. We are providing the following definitions.

- * **FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN):** A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471 once an application has been processed. This number is used to report to Applicants and Service Providers the status of individual discount funding requests submitted on a Form 471.
- * **FUNDING STATUS:** Each FRN will have one of three definitions: "Funded," "Not Funded" or "As Yet Unfunded."
 1. An FRN that is "Funded" will be approved at the level that SLD determined is appropriate for that item. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
 2. An FRN that is "Not Funded" is one for which no funds will be committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision," and amplification of that explanation may be offered in the section, "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules or, that the total amount of fun in the Universal Service Fund was insufficient to fund all requests.
 3. An FRN that is "As Yet Unfunded" reflects a temporary status that is assigned t an FRN when the SLD is uncertain at the time the letter is generated whether there will be sufficient funds to make commitments for requests for internal connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both telecommunications services and interna connections, you might receive a letter with our funding commitment for your telecommunications funding requests and a message that your internal connection requests are "As Yet Unfunded." You would receive a subsequent letter(s) regarding the funding decision on your internal connections requests.
- * **SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number):** A unique number assigned by the Universal Service Administrative Company to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund for participating in the universal service support programs. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.
- * **SERVICE PROVIDER NAME:** The legal name of the service provider.
- * **CONTRACT NUMBER:** The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.
- * **SERVICES ORDERED:** The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on Form 471.
- * **EARLIEST POSSIBLE EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISCOUNT:** The first possible date of service for which the SLD will reimburse service providers for the discounts for the service. Note: If the actual service start date provided on a Form 486 is later than this date, the actual service start date set forth in the Form 486 will be the effective date of the discount.
- * **CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE:** The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on Form 471.
- * **SITE IDENTIFIER:** The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a will be listed. This will appear only for "site specific" FRNs.
- * **BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER:** The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on Form 471.
- * **PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT:** Amount in Block 5, Item 23, Column I, Form 471, as determined through the application review process.
- * **DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY THE SLD:** This is the discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.
- * **FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION:** This represents the total amount of funding that the

- SLD has reserved to reimburse service providers for the approved discounts for the service through June 30, 2001. It is important that you and the service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.
- * FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry may amplify the comments in the "Funding Commitment Decision" area.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 204814

Funding Request Number: 453413 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143004735 Service Provider Name: Delta Technologies, Inc.
Contract Number: 973643
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 01/26/2001
Billing Account Number: 850-575-3977
Pre-Discount Amount: \$583,149.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will not be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal
Connections less than 81% discount to be funded. Please see
WWW.SL.UNIVERSALSERVICE.ORG What's New Area for further details.

Funding Request Number: 453414 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143011091 Service Provider Name: Rexel Datacom
Contract Number: 7301377
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 02/09/2001
Billing Account Number: 850-574-4450
Pre-Discount Amount: \$1,045,680.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will not be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal
Connections less than 81% discount to be funded. Please see
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Funding Request Number: 453415 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143015315 Service Provider Name: The Presidio Corporation
Contract Number: 250-040-99-1
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2001
Billing Account Number: 850-219-2444
Pre-Discount Amount: \$153,000.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will not be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal
Connections less than 81% discount to be funded. Please see
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Funding Request Number: 453416 Funding Status: Not Funded
SPIN: 143004340 Service Provider Name: Dell Marketing LP
Contract Number: 250-040-99-1
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2001
Billing Account Number: 800-274-7799
Pre-Discount Amount: \$442,416.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will not be funded
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal
Connections less than 81% discount to be funded. Please see
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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 204814

Funding Request Number: 453420 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001444 Service Provider Name: Sprint - Florida, Inc
Contract Number: CENTEL 8-1-1992
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 09/01/2001
Billing Account Number: 850-599-1868
Pre-Discount Amount: \$328,800.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 55%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$180,840.00 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 453422 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143006089 Service Provider Name: Comcast Telephony Communications of Florida
Contract Number: IA2
Services Ordered: Internet Access
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 05/01/2002
Billing Account Number: 973-581-6759
Pre-Discount Amount: \$12,271.08
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 55%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$6,749.09 - FRN approved; modified by SLD
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The estimated monthly charge was changed to reflect the documentation provided by the applicant.

Funding Request Number: 453423 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001444 Service Provider Name: Sprint - Florida, Inc
Contract Number: IA1
Services Ordered: Internet Access
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000
Contract Expiration Date: 08/01/2002
Billing Account Number: 850-599-1868
Pre-Discount Amount: \$179,000.04
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 55%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$98,450.02 - 471 approved as submitted